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**SUBJECT :** SPECIFICATION FOR L-819 FIXED FOCUS  
BIDIRECTIONAL HIGH INTENSITY RUNWAY LIGHT

1. PURPOSE. This circular describes the subject specification requirements and is published by the Federal Aviation Agency for the guidance of the public. The use of this specification is required for project activity under the Federal-aid Airport Program.
2. CANCELLATION. AC 150/5345-9, Specification for L-819 Fixed Focus Bidirectional High Intensity Runway Light, is cancelled.
3. APPLICABLE SPECIFICATIONS. The following specifications and standard, as referred to hereinafter, of the issues in effect on date of application for qualification (paragraph 9) are applicable to this specification. In case of conflict between this specification and the applicable specification, this specification shall govern.
  - a. Copies of the following Federal specifications and standard may be obtained from the appropriate Regional General Services Administration Office:
    - (1) QQ-A-591 - Aluminum Alloy Special Shaped Section.
    - (2) QQ-A-601 - Aluminum-Alloy Sand Castings.
    - (3) Federal Standard No. 595 - Colors.
  - b. Copies of the following Military specifications may be obtained from the Commanding Officer, Naval Supply Depot, 5801 Tabor Avenue, Philadelphia 20, Pennsylvania, Attn: Code CDS.
    - (1) MIL-C-7989-Covers, Light-Transmitting, for Aeronautical Lights, General Specification for.
    - (2) MIL-C-25050-Colors, Aeronautical Lights and Lighting Equipment, General Requirements for.

- c. A 120-61 T - Specification for Black and Hot-Dipped Zinc-Coated (Galvanized) Welded and Seamless Steel Pipe for Ordinary Uses. Copies of this ASTM specification may be obtained from the American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.
- d. Copies of the following circulars and additional copies of this circular may be obtained from the Federal Aviation Agency, Distribution Section, HQ-438, Washington, D.C. 20553.
  - (1) AC 150/5345-6, Specification for L-809 Airport Light Base and Transformer Housing.
  - (2) AC 150/5345-26, Specification for L-823 Plug and Receptacle, Cable Connectors.
  - (3) AC 150/5345-22, Specification for L-834 Individual Lamp Series-to-Series Type Insulating Transformer for 5000 Volt Series Circuit.
  - (4) AC 150/5345-32, Specification for L-837 Large-Size Light Base and Transformer Housing.
- 4. EXPLANATION OF REVISIONS. This circular adds new advisory circular numbers where required and a new weather requirement. It also revises the detail requirements for a lens retainer.
- 5. SCOPE OF PUBLICATION. The specification requirements are for a fixed focus bidirectional high intensity runway light. This runway light consists essentially of an optical system, a lamp, a lamp holder mounted in a suitable housing, and a mounting assembly. The runway light shall be furnished complete and ready for installation on a base mounting.
- 6. PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS.
  - a. The runway light shall be designed to provide a light distribution not less than the minimum candlepower values shown on Figure 1 of this specification when tested with a clear lens and a 200-watt, 6.6 ampere lamp operated at, or corrected to, 4800 lumens. The maximum candlepower restrictions shown in Figure 1 shall apply from 0° to 15° above the horizontal.
  - b. When color is specified, the candlepower values shall be not less than those obtained by multiplying the candlepower values shown on the applicable photometric curves of this specification by the following:
    - (1) Yellow - .400
    - (2) Green - .150

- c. All current carrying parts of the unit, except the insulating transformer, shall be suitable for the service intended.
- d. The unit shall be designed and constructed for continuous service under the following operating conditions:
  - (1) Temperature. Any ambient temperature from a minimum of  $-45^{\circ}$  F. to a maximum of  $+120^{\circ}$  F. at sea level.
  - (2) Weather. Continuous outdoor operation under all normal weather conditions, including wind velocities up to 200 miles per hour.

7. DETAIL REQUIREMENTS.

- a. Optical System. The optical system shall consist of a glass lens assembly, or combination of lenses, and may include reflectors and shields. Glass lenses shall be fabricated from heat-resistant glass conforming to Military Specification MIL-C-7989, Class B. Colored lenses or colored screens used shall conform to the requirements of Military Specification MIL-C-25050, Type I. Reflectors, if used, shall be aluminum with a specular finish similar and equal to "Alzak".
- b. Socket. The socket shall be the medium prefocus base type and shall be mounted rigidly in the metal fitting. The socket shall have a rating suitable for the service intended.
- c. Lamp. The lamp used shall be a 200-watt, 6.6 ampere, T-14 bulb, medium prefocus base, C-13 filament, 2-3/16 light center length, 4800 lumens, with rated life of 75 hours.
- d. Housing.
  - (1) All metal parts of the housing shall be fabricated from non-ferrous metal or from ferrous metal suitably protected against corrosion. Copper bearing hardware in contact with aluminum shall be cadmium, nickel, or zinc plated. Aluminum castings shall conform to Federal Specification QQ-A-601, Alloy 43 or 214, and aluminum die castings shall conform to Federal Specification QQ-A-591, Alloy 13 or A13. A means for drainage shall be provided in the bottom of the housing to drain condensation and water. The joints between metal and glass shall be sealed by heat-resisting and watertight gaskets or by a sealing compound where joints are not to be disturbed for relamping.
  - (2) A continuous metal band fitted with a trunk latch, or an acceptable equal, to assure a positive holding lens assembly shall be provided. The unit shall be designed to require no

special tools for relamping or for cleaning the lenses. The housing shall be provided with a means for leveling, when mounted on the breakable coupling, and a means for determining when a level condition has been achieved. The housing shall support the lens and lamp so that they are tilted 4° downward toward the runway side after the assembly has been leveled.

- e. Orientation. The outside of the housing shall be marked to indicate correct orientation with respect to the runway centerline. Where the lens and/or reflector assembly is removable for relamping, it shall be keyed for correct orientation. A sighting device shall be included on each unit to check alignment of the optical system with respect to adjacent units when installed in place.
- f. Leads. A connecting lead assembly shall be supplied to connect to the receptacle on the secondary lead of the insulating transformer. The lead shall consist of an appropriate length of two-conductor, 300-volt minimum, No. 16 AWG stranded wire conforming to the provisions of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Incorporated, requirements for Type SJ cord. This lead shall terminate in a plug conforming to Figure 1a of Advisory Circular 150/5345-26. A cable clamp or similar device shall be provided in the fitting or housing to prevent strain at the socket terminals.
- g. Mounting Assembly. The mounting assembly shall consist of a breakable coupling, base plate, and pipe column if required. The overall height of the unit, mounted in place, shall not exceed 14 inches above ground level. All parts of the mounting assembly shall be made of nonferrous metal or of ferrous metal suitably protected against corrosion. Aluminum sand castings shall conform to Federal Specification QQ-A-601, Alloy 43 or 214; and aluminum die castings shall conform to Federal Specification QQ-A-591, Alloy 13 or A13.
  - (1) The breakable coupling shall have a 2-inch tapered male thread for mounting on the base plate. This thread shall conform to the requirements of ASTM Specification A 120-61 T. The coupling shall have a "shearing groove" produced by scoring, molding, etc. It shall withstand a static load of 300 pounds applied perpendicular to the axis of the coupling at a point 12 inches from the shearing groove and shall break cleanly at the groove when a static load of 500 pounds is applied at the same position. In addition, deflection at a point 12 inches from the shearing groove shall not be more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch when a static load of 300 pounds is applied as described above. The breakable coupling shall have a hexagonal section between the thread and the shearing groove to facilitate removal of a broken coupling. The breakable coupling shall also be provided with one or more drainage holes near the shearing groove.

9. QUALIFICATION. Any material submitted for approval shall be sent to the Federal Aviation Agency, Airports Service, Washington, D.C. 20553.

- a. The manufacturer shall furnish a sample fixture to an independent testing laboratory to be tested as described herein to obtain certification regarding the ability to manufacture lighting fixtures meeting the requirements of this specification. The independent testing laboratory shall be acceptable to the Federal Aviation Agency, Airports Service, Washington, D.C. 20553. The manufacturer shall furnish two copies of the testing laboratory's reports for review and approval consideration. Upon approval of the test reports which show satisfactory certification of compliance, the Airports Service will list the name of the qualified manufacturer and a description of their fixture in the Advisory Circular 150/5345-1, Approved Airport Lighting Equipment. The cost of testing shall be borne by the manufacturer offering the material for qualification. A pre-production model shall be furnished for physical inspection and approval.
- b. Parts list and installation instructions shall be submitted for review and approval.
- c. A certificate of compliance from the lens manufacturer that the lenses conform to the detail requirements specified in paragraph 7 shall be submitted for review and approval.
- d. At any time after approval has been granted under the above conditions, a certified copy of factory test reports on the latest production run of any one of the fixtures produced under this specification shall be made available by the manufacturer upon request.

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